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#### ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD, SCOTLAND.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church commenced its sittings on Monday evening, 31 May, in the Synod Hall, Edinburgh. The Rev. Dr Lindsay, the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon from Psalm xlviii. 2.—“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion.” The Synod proceeded to the election of a moderator for the ensuing year, and on the motion of the Rev Mr Pringle, Newcastle, seconded by the Rev Mr Watson, Langholm, the Rev Henry Renton, Kelso, was unanimously elected.

The following changes were reported as having taken place on the roll of ministers since last meeting of Synod:

Removed by death, eight,—Denitted their charges, eight,—Inducted, five.—Translated, three,—Ordained, twenty-five.

*New Presbyteries.*—Presbytery of Banffshire; Presbytery of Kinross.

*Synod in England.*—The reports of presbyteries on the remit regarding the formation of a Synod in England, subordinate to the General Synod, were laid on the table. Four presbyteries were in favor of the overture; two were in favor of it, provided the presbyteries and congre-

gations in England were agreed upon the measure; two were against it, and seven were not prepared to report.

After reasoning, the Synod agreed in approving generally of the object contemplated in the overture, in as far as it respects the bringing of the presbyteries of this church, situated in England, into closer correspondence with each other, but delayed taking any further steps to form these into a Synod till a much more general and decided expression of opinion in favor of the measure be given by the parties immediately interested; and in the meantime, recommended that the presbyteries in England hold friendly and fraternal correspondence on the subject, and that it be submitted by them, if they shall deem it desirable, to the consideration of the sessions and congregations under their charge.

*Committee on Statistics.*—Dr. Peddie, said the report which the committee on Statistics had to give this year, was in some respects much less satisfactory than last year. As the committee had strictly obeyed the injunctions of the Synod in sending out schedules, and a circular or address stating the reasons why the Synod had adopted the scheme, they had expected to receive numerous returns, but in this they had been disappointed. The number